

**Fair Political Practices Commission**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy  
**From:** Michael B. Salerno, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Executive Director's Report  
**Date:** May 28, 2008

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This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

**STAFF PROJECTS**

**Technical Assistance Outreaches:**

On May 13, 2008, Barbara Smith provided training to the staff at the San Bernardino County clerk's office and Tara Stock provided training to the new city clerk in Chula Vista. On May 20, 2008, Tara Stock and Barbara Smith provided training to the new city clerk in Rocklin. On May 27, 2008, Cynthia Jones provided training to the city clerks of Reedley and Sanger.

**CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES**

Pursuant to Section 87300 of the Government Code and Commission Regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict of interest code adoptions and exemptions:

**Code Adoptions:**

Tulare Area Schools Employee Benefits Authority  
Sonoma County Winegrape Commission

**Code Exemptions:**

California-Mexico Border Relations Council  
California Child Welfare Council

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

Pursuant to Regulation 18361, I have found sufficient evidence in the following case to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion the following respondent committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding a violation has actually occurred. The respondent is presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

**In the Matter Henry Hohenstein, FPPC No. 05/489.** On May 30, 2008, probable cause was found to believe Respondent, Henry Hohenstein, committed six violations of the Political Reform Act, as follows:

**COUNT 1:** On December 7, 2004, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Resolution No. 2004-66, which in turn adopted and certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the StoneRidge Specific Plan, in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

**COUNT 2:** On December 7, 2004, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Resolution No. 2004-67, which in turn approved General Plan Amendment No. 02-04 and Zoning Map Amendment No. 02-04 for the StoneRidge Specific Plan, in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

**COUNT 3:** On December 7, 2004, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Resolution No. 2004-68, which in turn, adopted Specific Plan No. 01-04, “The StoneRidge Specific Plan” and related zoning and development standards, in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

**COUNT 4:** On December 7, 2004, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Resolution No. 2004-69, which in turn, approved a tentative parcel map and vesting tentative tract map for the StoneRidge Specific Plan, in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

**COUNT 5:** On December 7, 2004, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Resolution No. 2004-70, which in turn, approved Development Agreement No. 01-04 for the StoneRidge Specific Plan, in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

**COUNT 6:** On February 1, 2005, as a member of the City Council for the City of Desert Hot Springs, Respondent made a governmental decision in which he had a financial interest, by voting to adopt Ordinance 2005-06, which in turn approved the Development Agreement for the StoneRidge Specific Plan development.